



TOWN OF WHATELY
Whately, Massachusetts 01093

Community Preservation Committee
Alan Sanderson Jr., Chair

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

by Zoom

Present: Alan Sanderson, Doug Coldwell, Judy Markland, Andrew Ostrowski, Donna Wiley, Catherine Wolkowicz

Absent: Jonathan Edwards

Alan Sanderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Committee approved minutes from the meeting of February 8, 2023 unanimously.

The CPC voted unanimously to recommend a grant of up to \$11,500 towards reconstruction of the tennis courts at Frontier Regional High School.

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend a grant of \$27,350 to Quonquont LLC for restoration of their historic ceramic-tiled silo, contingent on a twenty-year payback requirement should the Secretary of the Interior's Standards not be maintained. . The Historical Commission recommended this condition, but did not recommend a right-of-first-refusal for the Town on the silo. The recommended grant represents half the projected cost for the restoration project.

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend a grant of \$8,000 to the Dickinson Library for restoration of the front porch and re-installation of the center handrail, as described in the Library's revised application of February 2023.

Alan reported that he had received a text from Jonathan Edwards indicating that the Recreation Commission would withdraw its application for irrigation of Herlihy Fields and submit an 'off-cycle' application. It is unclear whether this project would be eligible for off-cycle funding. The Rec Commission has not written to withdraw its application formally, as required.

The Committee expressed regret at the difficulty the Recreation Commission has had in preparing complete and timely applications for CPA funding. The irrigation project would likely have been eligible for support, given sufficient planning, as would the batters' cage, for which funding has been

requested from the Town. Alan will speak with Brian about the importance of having a Rec Comm member for the CPC who is able to participate fully in the meetings and play a role in submission of funding applications.

Alan and Judy Markland reported that Town staff members had advised against advertising the availability of income-based abatements from the CPA surcharge, because of the amount of work required by the staff and a sense that timing would not be right. After further discussion, the CPC agreed to insert an announcement of the program in the December 2023 issue of *The Scoop*.

The CPC will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 12, at 5 p.m. via Zoom, followed by a public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

Donna Wiley agreed to notify representatives for the two historic preservation applications, from the Library and Quonquont, of the public hearing.

Alan adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.